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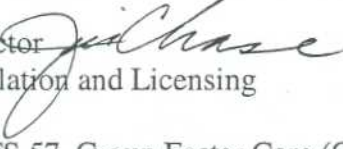
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TO: Group Foster Home Licensees
Group Foster Home Advisory Committee Members

FROM: Jill Chase, Director 
Bureau of Regulation and Licensing

RE: Revisions to HFS 57, Group Foster Care (Group Homes) for Children

I am pleased to announce that the Legislature has given final approval to the revisions to Wisconsin Administrative Code, HFS 57; the rule governing the licensing of Group Foster Homes for Children.

The effective date of the revised HFS 57 is January 1, 2006. I will send you a copy of the revised rule as soon as it is published by the Legislature's Revisor of Statutes Bureau in late September. At that time, you will also be able to access the rules through the Bureau of Regulation and Licensing (BRL) web page:

http://dhfs.wisconsin.gov/rl_dcfs/index.htm

There is a delay between publication of the rule and the effective date of January 1, 2006 to allow time for you to become familiar with the new rule.

To assist with this effort, BRL has scheduled two training sessions on the rule revisions. You will receive more information and registration information along with the copy of HFS 57 in late September. The full day sessions will be held on **November 2, 2005** at the Country Springs Hotel (formerly the Holiday Inn) in Stevens Point and on **November 8, 2005** at the Olympia Resort and Conference Center in Oconomowoc. We will also post registration information on the BRL web site.

I want to thank everyone for the tremendous and diligent effort that went into updating this rule. I especially want to thank members of the provider industry for their participation on the group foster home advisory committee, for submitting public comments and for working with the department to reach a good outcome that will protect children.

If you have any questions, please contact your regional licensing staff or BRL central office at (608)266-9314.

Cc: Licensing Staff
Other Interested Parties